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From: Steve.Rose@f134.n109.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Steve Rose)  
Subject: Re: ED WALTERS VIDEO  
Date: 25 Nov 90 16:48:33 GMT

> I have two video 8 units and I though the resolution was  
> supposed to be 400 lines. I'll have to read again. One is  
> that tiny hand held unit about the size of an 8mm movie

Well...you should look. It has to say \*Hi-Band\* or "Hi-8" to have any chance of approaching 400 lines. If it is the more common 8mm format...you are limited to 230 lines or less. That is not to say you will take poor quality footage...just less picture resolution than you could be taking. Happy (video) shooting of those greys!

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From: John.Hicks@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (John Hicks)  
Subject: Re: ED WALTERS VIDEO  
Date: 25 Nov 90 19:35:00 GMT

> I have two video 8 units and I though the resolution was  
> supposed to be 400 lines.

Regular 8mm runs about 240 lines (more or less), about the same as VHS. Hi8 is about 400 lines.

> So what exactly is the problem you find in Ed's video as to  
> noise in the pictures, and lighting? I seem to be missing the  
> point somewhere.

Shoot a tape in very dim light. Maybe tape an airplane in the night sky. You should see some 'graininess' or 'snow' as compared to a tape shot in bright sun. That's the noise we're talking about. The problem is that Ed's video doesn't have much, and it should if it were shot as described.

jbh

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From: JBB@watson.acc.virginia.edu  
Subject: the Meier sightings  
Date: 27 Nov 90 20:39:39 GMT

Can someone bring me up to date on the UFO sightings of Eduard Meier as reported in Kinder's 1987 book 'Light Years: An Investigation into the Extraterrestrial Experiences of Eduard Meier'? Specifically, what's the current view? Have these sightings (and the UFO photographs appearing in Kinder's book) been discredited, validated, or what? Curious folks want to know! Thanks in advance for your response.

Joe Burch

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From: Jim.Speiser@f37.n114.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Speiser)  
Subject: Al Seckel  
Date: 27 Nov 90 15:35:00 GMT

Does anyone know the full story on Al Seckel's downfall? All I know is that he has been accused of falsifying his educational background. I DON'T know if the accusation has been confirmed...I don't even know what educational background he claimed for himself.

Why do so many in this field feel compelled to aggrandize their credentials? Willy Smith, William Spaulding, Frank Stranges...A few years ago I was looking for experts in various fields to come online as topic moderators. One guy who applied for the Evolution/Creation slot claimed 4 doctorates. Naturally I checked him out, and sure enough, one college he listed didn't even exist, the others had never heard of him.

Myself, I'm rather proud of how far I've come virtually without ANY college (although I deeply regret not getting a degree). If people ask, I make no bones about it, I am not highly educated, I don't have letters after my name. I don't think anyone's stopped listening to me because of it (they may have stopped for other reasons, though).

Just curious, if anyone has further confirmed information on the Al Seckel incident, please post it. I know Al slightly, he seemed like a pretty straightforward dude to me. What's happening to these skeptics, they seem to be having their share of scandals - Gauquelin, Dennett, Randi, and now this... tsk tsk, most unbecoming...

Jim

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From: Pete.Porro@f414.n154.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Pete Porro)  
Subject: Re: ED WALTERS VIDEO  
Date: 26 Nov 90 17:56:47 GMT

Thanks for the info from both of you. I will look at some of my dark videos which I already have since I am constantly shooting when it says it should not be producing a picture. (like in chambered tombs or indoors by common lamp lighting)

I can bet mine is 230 lines since the camera is a couple of years old and not one of the newer ones. I guess I was confusing the new camers specs which a guy at the shop mentioned when he was telling me why I want to shoot V8 and dub to VHS or Beta, because the V8 had better resolution for the master videos.

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From: rutgers!cbmvax!amix!vanth!jms (James Shaffer Jr.)  
Subject: 63-foot circle in dead corn in Illinois  
Date: 29 Nov 90 08:14:48 GMT

Yesterday (11/27) I saw a short spot on the local ABC station about a crop circle discovered in Moline, Illinois. The circle was 63 feet in diameter and was in a cornfield. The farmer was quoted as saying he thought it was done by 'flying saucers,' but the reporter mentioned that other people (unspecified) thought it was a hoax. Nothing was said to indicate that either opinion was more than a 'gut reaction.' I couldn't tell from the pictures, which were all ground-based, whether the corn was flattened in a spiral or circularly. The thing I found interesting was that it appeared to be at least partially broken. Could this be attributable to it being dead and dried (I'd like to see \*that\* softened, bent, and hardened!) or is this an indication of a hoax? Also, does anyone know if this is the first one to occur in corn? I can't remember ever seeing any pictures anywhere that looked like corn, and I would be quite shocked to see corn laid down without damage as the wheat always appears to be, even if it were alive.

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From: Jerry.Woody@paranet.FIDONET.ORG (Jerry Woody)  
Subject: Online UFO database  
Date: 29 Nov 90 00:24:00 GMT

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I already have the mutilation and crash online in the remote database and will be adding the UFO sightings to it soon. Anyone have data in the dbase III format (which the remote database uses) and would like to share it with others please let me know.

Thank you..

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From: James Roger Black <jrblack@shemtaia.weeg.uiowa.edu>  
Subject: Are we becoming more respectable?  
Date: 30 Nov 90 05:52:29 GMT

This week I picked up a copy of Timothy Good's "Above Top Secret" at my local B. Dalton bookstore. Much to my surprise, it was shelved in the "Current Events" section instead of under "New Age/Occult" where UFO books usually are.

First "Out There", and now this. Maybe we're finally starting to get some respect.

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From: Jim.Delton@f37.n114.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Delton)  
Subject: Re: Al Seckel  
Date: 28 Nov 90 22:45:00 GMT

What scandal did Randi have?

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Date: 28 Nov 90 23:50:00 GMT

> What scandal did Randi have?

He publicly accused someone of having been convicted of child molestation. It turned out to be a false accusation.

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From: Kelly.Shropshire@f37.n114.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Kelly Shropshire)  
Subject: Re: New crop circle idea?  
Date: 29 Nov 90 14:10:00 GMT

I hadn't heard about the England circles. What do they mean by "Crystalline Structure"? Do they have direct observation of this happening "within minutes"? Are they sure the observations are of the phenomenon happening or is it perhaps that a wind combing the plants in a different direction reveals a circle that was already there? As for the mushroom growth, any book on mycology should tell you. There is one that may be out of print, called Mushrooms, Molds and Miracles that's a general discussion of fungi geared to the layperson.

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- > remote database uses) and would like to share it with
- > others please let me know.
- > Thank you..

Outstanding, Jerry! What program are you using to do this?  
Perhaps you might want to circulate it among the ParaNet sysops  
so we can standardize the thing.

Mike

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